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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 July 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 6-12 and 17-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-5 and 13-16 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 6-12 and 17-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 60/226,342.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Regarding claim 8, the third level of effective isotropic radiated power is less than the first level, contradicts with dependent claim 7 such as a third level radiated power is increased from a first power level.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

3. Claims 6-7, 9-11, 20-23 and 25-28, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Moon et al. (US Patent 6,671,266).

Regarding claims 6, 20 and 25, Moon et al. disclose method comprising:

transmitting a signal having a first level of effective isotropic radiated power by a first wireless electronic device (see 61, fig. 6);

reducing a level of effective isotropic radiated power to a second level of effective isotropic radiated power if a response to the signal is received by the first wireless electronic device within a predetermined period of time (see col.11 lines 41-44).

Regarding claims 7, 21, Moon et al. disclose increasing a level of effective isotropic radiated power to a third level of effective isotropic radiated power if no response to the signal is received by the first wireless electronic device within the predetermined period of time (see col.11 lines 45-49).

Regarding claim 9, Moon et al. disclose the increase of the level of effective isotropic radiated power is performed in accordance with a logarithmic function (see fig.6).

Regarding claim 10, Moon et al. disclose the first wireless electronic device is an access point (see 61, fig.6, "BS" corresponds to "access point").

Regarding claims 11, 23 and 28, Moon et al. disclose increasing a level of effective isotropic radiated power to a third level of effective isotropic radiated power if no response to the signal is received by the first wireless electronic device within the predetermined period of time and after a predetermined number of retries (see 75, 77 fig.7).

Regarding claim 26, Moon et al. disclose decreasing a power level for the second signal to a third power level if a response to the first signal is received by the first wireless electronic device within the predetermined period of time (see col.11 lines 45-49).

Regarding claims 22 and 27, Moon et al. disclose the second power level is greater than the first power level and the first power level is greater than the third power level (see col.11 lines 45-49).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill

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in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 12, 24 and 29, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated by Moon et al. (US Patent 6,671,266).

Regarding claims 12, 24 and 29, Moon et al. fail to disclose a rate of change from the first level of effective isotropic radiated power to the second level of effective isotropic radiated power is greater than a rate of change from the second level of effective isotropic radiated power to the third level of effective isotropic radiated power. The Examiner takes an Official notice that the concept a rate of change power is well known in the art. It would have been obvious a transmission power level is adjusted at different offset values.

6. Claims 17-19, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Moon et al. (US Patent 6,671,266) further in view of Thomson et al. (US Patent 6,304,760).

Regarding claims 17-19, Moon et al. fail to disclose the response to the signal is a beacon from a second wireless electronic device.

Thomson et al. disclose the response to the signal is a beacon from a second wireless electronic device (see col.5 lines 46-50). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Moon et al. with the above teaching of Thomson et al. in order to avoid interference.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed Tu Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-7883. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 6:30AM-2:30PM.

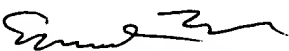
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Urban, can be reached at (571) 272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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